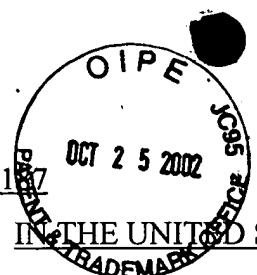


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (THRICE AMENDED) A method of operating a cooling tower, comprising feeding to said cooling tower a make-up stream of waste water containing organic and/or biological contaminants, causing a side stream taken from the recirculating stream to pass through an electrolytic cell that performs oxidation/reduction reactions using DC electrical current for decomposing water and generating chlorine, removing solids precipitated by the action of said cell, and remixing said treated side stream with the main stream, before feeding them to said cooling tower.

5. (THRICE AMENDED) A method of operating a cooling tower, comprising feeding to said cooling tower a make-up stream of water containing organic and/or biological contaminants, causing a side stream taken from a recirculating stream to pass through an electrolytic cell that performs oxidation/reduction reactions using DC electrical current for decomposing water and generating chlorine, removing solids precipitated by the action of said

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